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BEFORE THE  
POSTAL RATE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, DC 20268

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In the Matter of:

HOPE, MN  
Post Office State ZIP Code

POSTAL REGULATORY  
COMMISSION  
Docket No: A2012-105

Doris Krause, Petitioner(s)

1. Petitioner  
the HOPE, MN

2. In accordance  
the Postal Regulatory Commission  
the record before the Post

3. Petitioner  
Final Determination shall  
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almost impossible  
Doris Krause

Determination concerning  
dated Dec. 6, 2011  
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We are a busy and vibrant community. Closing our  
post office would be a detriment to our town.

We have 4 very large businesses who depend  
on our post office daily, plus the smaller  
businesses and the townspeople, as well.

(Please refer to my letter to the Postal Regulatory  
Commission on Jan. 4, 2012 - copy enclosed)

Krause Feed and Supplies also sends out  
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and receives many packages to and from customers in a large area outside of Hope. They send out + receive letters + catalogs daily. End of the month statements are about 165 in the mail, Sunrich is a branch of a very large

Company and a big user of our post office.

First National Bank of Waseca has a branch at Hope with about 300 patrons.

Hope Creamery is another large business here in Hope.

We also have several smaller businesses using the post office.

We also have the Steele County Trail Ass'n. located in Hope. They take care of grooming the snowmobile trails and give the training classes for Steele County here in Hope.

David Wilker's Lakeshore Construction is also located here.

Please consider all of these factors contributing to the usage of the Hope, MN Post Office.

Doris Krause

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Jan. 4, 2012

Postal Regulatory Commission  
901 New York Ave. N.W.  
Suite 200  
Washington, D.C. 20268-0001

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Dear Staff,

I am writing to you in regard to the possibility of a closure of the Post Office at Hope, MN. I believe, as do many of our townspeople, that this may be an inappropriate move by the U.S. Post Office Department.

I am referring to three very large businesses that use our Hope Post Office extensively. We have SUNRICH which totally employs over fifty people. They deposit and pick up mail daily.

Krause Feed and Supplies Co. is a big user of our Post Office. About 125 end-of-the month statements go in the mail along with all of the returning checks to the business coming in the mail. Items are also mailed out and received by the business.

Along with that is our First National Bank Branch at Hope with all of the end-of-the month bank statements being mailed out.

On the south edge of Hope is the Owatonna Gun Club's firing range. A mile to the east is the Hope Oak Knoll Campground.

In town, we also have Thompson's business called The Shop which services cars and trucks. There is Spurgin's Bar and Grill which does a good business. Another tavern is next to it. Hopefull Treasures is an antique and second-hand store. We also have the Hope Community Center which is used for meetings, rummage sales, and various celebrations. We also have the First Lutheran Church of Hope located here. Another business that is of utmost importance to our community is the Hope Creamery which makes butter by using the old churning methods. It has contracts with about 40 bakeries, grocery stores and restaurants in the Twin City areas as well as many other surrounding stores in our area.

I have stated this information to let you know that we, in Hope, are a vibrant community who certainly feel the need to keep our post office up and running.

Perhaps another evaluation might be made with more visits and at different times of the month which might be a more valid indicator of the needs to continue operation.

Thank you kindly for any further consideration on this matter.

Sincerely, *Doris Krause* Doris Krause